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Parish News - As we journey through Holy Week, our school community has already marked two significant moments in the Church's story. We began with Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and followed with a reverent reflection on the Last Supper through our liturgy. It has been wonderful to see the children participate with such respect and reverence, demonstrating a growing understanding of the importance of this sacred time. We look forward to continuing this journey together as we move towards Good Friday and the joy of Easter.



A reminder to our families that our school Easter Mass will be held on Wednesday 22nd April, for students in Year 2 and above. We warmly welcome members of our parish community to join us in this special celebration as we mark this important time in the Church calendar.

Holy Week and Easter Timetable :

- Wednesday 1 April – Holy Week Liturgy: The Garden of Gethsemane @ 2.00pm in the hall, led by Room 3 and Room 11
- Thursday 2 April – Holy Week Liturgy: Stations of the Cross/Crucifixion @ 11.30am in the hall, led by Room 8 and Room 10
Holy Thursday Mass @ 7.00pm in the Church, followed by the procession for Adoration in the Whanau Room until 9.30pm
- Friday 3 April – Good Friday Service in the Church @ 3.00pm
- Saturday 4 April – Easter Saturday Vigil in the Church @ 7.00pm
- Sunday 5 April – Easter Sunday Mass in the Church @ 9.00am
- (After the school holidays) Wednesday 22 April – Easter Mass in the Church @ midday, led by Father John
- Thursday 23 April – Easter Liturgy: The Empty Tomb @ 2.00pm, led by Room 12 and Room 5

Church Donations and Pledged Giving – We are fundraising for future repairs and maintenance to the Parish buildings. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and if you're thinking of getting a brick, now is a great time – we sold 3 last week. A number of Parishioners have asked where their donations will go, so just confirming: ALL monies raised will go to the Parish Property Bank account for repairs and maintenance, rather than to the Diocese. All donations are eligible for a 33% tax refund. For example, if you had donated \$3,000 to the Church during the year, you would be entitled to receive back \$1,000 from the Inland Revenue Department. The more you give, the more the refund. If you would like help in getting a Tax Refund, please reach out to Stuart King. Thanks again for your kind generosity.

Tax season Tax season is fast approaching – please get your Church tax deductible donations in before 31 March – maybe even get a brick. What a fantastic Gift idea for a loved one(s) – Personalised Church brick to be permanently remembered.

Futsal – Our wonderful St Francis boys won the gold medal and took out the Year 5-6 A3 Auckland competition last weekend. Huge congrats to Raystan, Harry, Charlie, Micah, George and Leonardo – Winners are clearly gridders.



School Tea Towel Fundraiser open! – LAST DAY BEFORE PRICE INCREASE!

Prices are currently:

- 1 Tea towel \$18
- any 2 Tea towels \$30
- any 3 Tea towels \$40

Prices will rise tomorrow to:

- 1 Tea towel \$22
- 2 Tea towels \$40
- 3 Tea towels \$50

Sales will be open until Monday 20th of April.

Ordering Details: Payment is via the Kindo app.

All funds raised go towards paying off our small canopy loan.

Example tea towel from 2010 →



Term 2 Value - Whakarato (Service) – Next term, we will be

placing a strong focus on manners across the school. This will be the key way students can earn their gold coins, with an emphasis on:

- using polite language, e.g. *greeting teachers and respective adults all by name*
- showing respect, e.g. *not disrupting a conversation if an adult is already speaking with someone*
- demonstrating kindness in their everyday interactions, e.g. *asking with a genuine curiosity as to how enjoyable adults' or children's weekends have been*

This focus is closely connected to our school value of service—encouraging our children to think about how their words and actions positively impact others.

To support this, we have included our graduate profile to give an idea of what this can look like at each syndicate level.

These are simple examples to guide expectations, but they are not limited to just these behaviours.

We would really appreciate your support in reinforcing good manners at home as well. When children see these expectations both at school and at home, it helps build consistent habits that will last a lifetime.



By the end of Year 2	By the end of Year 4	By the end of Year 6
Seek chances to help others in their learning.	Beginning to understand what Social Justice is all about.	Initiate opportunities themselves with teacher support to help others. PJ day, Cans for Christmas
Children to be visible to others and themselves, bettering our school, church and wider community.	Carrying out classroom jobs.	Regularly, without being reminded, supporting Junior school classroom teachers before school or at break times.
Taking on extra responsibilities, such as classroom monitors/ jobs	Carrying out whole school jobs.	Leadership roles are carried out with diligence, pride and a sense of self-worth and personal satisfaction.
Offering to help others in need	Class project about doing something nice for someone not at our school.	Initiative to help around the school
Making the right choices	Understand-In giving we receive	

Congratulations to the following children who have completed their Term 1 Reading Challenge:

Room 1- Taven, Caden, Liam, Bowie, Harriet, John, Mia

Room 2 - Henricho, Leona, Clara, Emily, Sienna, Eliana, Florence, Eden, Alegra, Alice, Levi, Devon, Markus, Charlie, Zamirah, Riley, Stella, Cooper, Ayden, Finn, Reann, Jackson, Poppy, Ranveer

Room 3 - Jeeanna, Lucy, Jack, Evan, Sebastien, Emily, Ashley, Mila, Finley, Milana, Zoe

Room 5 - Jacob, Georgia-Rose, Ethan, Emilia, Riley, Poppy, Aidan, Thomas, Harper

Room 6 - Dominic, Ashley, Emilia, Connie, Florentina, Luca, Alice, Zoe, Lochlan, Taavi, Isla, Eva, Bhuvanesh, Yi, Lucy, Lillian, Axel, Thomas, Mia 'U, Mia J, Eva, Mamie, Nate

Room 7 - George, Hugo, Eli, Lily, Archie, Ryley, Joshua, Lachlan, Effie, Zinnia, Hudson

Room 8 - Anthea, Eddie, Brennan, Posey, Finn, Iviana, Maeva, Auri, Veida, Elspeth, Vinnie, Harry, Georgia, Leonardo, Eddie, Lucette, Micah

Room 9 - Thomas, Abigail, Aiden, Ivy, Ella, Grae, Saoirse

Room 10 - Harry, Jett, Ari, Evie, Emerson, Ezekiel, John, George, Oliver, Emmy, Luca, Austen, Harrison, Nell, Charlie

Room 11 - Harry, Jemima, Cruz, Lucas, Hayley, Theo, Bruno, Lily, Sacha, Jacob

Room 12 - Sophie, Maddison, Roween, Ivy, Finn, Ethan, Reuben, Chloe, Zariah, Levi

Well Done - to the 'Uhila girls, Isla, Eden, Ava and Lily, who performed at Polyfest this week. Isla was the kaitātaki wahine, female leader, of the Avondale College Kapa Haka Group. She did an amazing job!! Watch the girls' performance here -



<https://www.maoriplus.co.nz/show/asb-polyfest-2026/day-2/episode-14/play>

House Winners Term 1 – And on that note The much anticipated results for the term 1 gold coins are as follows:

4th – Whenua – 157

3rd – Rangī – 165

2nd – Wai – 180

1st – Ahi – 250

Not only do they get the glory of winning but also 15 minutes extra play on the last day of term! Well done Ahi!

Weetbix triathlon – On the 21st of March, a bunch of St Francis students took part in the Kiwi Kids Triathlon in East Auckland. All students gave their best in their swim, bike, and run and had lots of fun.

St Francis Touch Rugby – What a fun finish to the end of touch season! Well done to our Year 3 team, who were runners-up. See you all again in term 4!



Austin's Karate – another tournament & more medals!

On Sunday, Austin competed in the Karate Kata tournament and once again did amazingly! Firstly, Austin competed in the 8-10-year-old boys 4th-6th Kyu division. This was a really tough division with 18 kids competing across two heats before moving on to the finals. Austin's heat resulted in a tie, so he had to perform extra kata so that the winners of the heat could be found.

He won the tiebreaker and moved on to the finals, where he competed against 3 others. Austin did amazingly well and ultimately came 2nd, winning the silver medal!

Following this, he then competed in the Team Kata event with two of his teammates, winning gold! This was a particularly great achievement as they had only decided to enter as a team the week

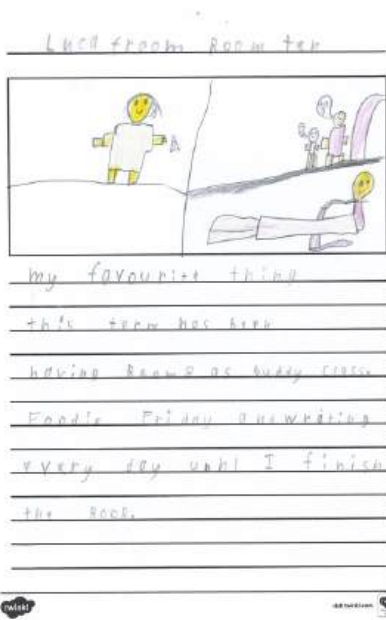


before, and with one of the team having been on a school camp, the only practice they managed to do as a team was the morning of the event!

Austin is fundraising to compete in the GKR Karate World Cup 2026 in the UK. You can support him here: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-austin-represent-nz-at-the-karate-world-cup>



Room 10's favourite thing about Term 1. By La'vonn, Luca and Nell



St Francis School Library -

- Library Parent Helpers Needed - We are looking for parent helpers who are willing to assist with fixing well-loved library books or covering new books from the comfort of home. All materials will be provided. If you're able to lend a hand and support the smooth running of our school library, please email Kate at kateh@stfrancis.school.nz. Your help would make a wonderful difference!
- Library Donations - We are gratefully accepting donations of popular chapter book series for our school library. If you have any books that are still in very good condition that your children no longer need, we would be delighted to give them a new life with our readers. We are especially seeking the later titles from popular series such as Wolf Girl, Phoebe and Unicorn, Bunny vs Monkey (any title), Ella and Olivia (or any associated series), Dogman,

Nina Peanut, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Diary of a Netball Star, Cat Kid, Bad Guys, The Academy, Wings of Fire, Amulet, Keeper of the Lost Cities, E-Boy, Lottie Brooks, Ninja Girl, Smarty Pup (Any), Dork Diaries (Any), Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Big Nate, I Survived, Murder Most Unladylike (Any), Treehouse series and The Baby-Sitters Club (or any associated series). All donations are hugely appreciated and will help keep our library shelves exciting and engaging for every student. Please bring to the office. Thank you for your support!

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month

– A great turnout last Thursday despite the awful weather. Stuart was triumphant once again (it must have been the non-regulation boots), with Tim picking up the Money Round. It was great seeing new St. Francis Dad, Nick show-up for the first time and demolish Jeremy in the first round. The next stupendous darts session is on Thursday, 30 April, from 8pm, at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club. The more the merrier –



all Dads are very Welcome – no darts experience is necessary given the majority of us are woeful. Contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 to join the Dad's WhatsApp group.

Hold on to your hats, the secret is out, next term we begin our ST FRANCIS HAS TALENT!

St Francis has talent is a fun opportunity for our students to share their gifts and talents with the school community. This will take place weekly on Friday lunchtimes and will be organised across our Junior, Middle, and Senior school groups so that everyone has a chance to participate.

Students will be able to enter one of three categories: Singing, Dancing, or Musical/Other Talents. Whether it's performing a song, showing off some dance moves, playing an instrument, or sharing another special talent, we encourage students to give it a go and have some fun! During the first week of Term

2, we will be visiting classrooms to collect the names of students who would like to take part in our first category, singing. More information about performance dates will follow once we have our list of participants. We look forward to seeing the amazing talents of our students and celebrating the gifts within our St Francis community!



Cross Country – Wednesday 6th May. To help the day run smoothly and safely, we are looking for parent volunteers to assist along the course and with supervision. If you are available to help on the day, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please email Dan Wright danielw@stfrancis.school.nz if you can volunteer.

PMP helpers needed -

Parents and grandparents, we are continuing our popular and highly valuable PMP programme on Thursday and Friday mornings in Terms 2 and 3. We need YOU! Commit to a weekly or less frequent casual slot. Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a parent-led programme at St Francis School. It develops Y0-2 children's perceptions and understandings of distance, height, and space, as well as their memory.

PMP is a step-by-step programme based on physical and sensory activities, repeated over two sessions. Teachers observe the children and note areas for development through the parallel classroom programme. Please contact Bridget - bridget.gallagher@hotmail.com

Extra Curricular Activities -

- Skills of Soccer with Billy Harris – Lunchtime Soccer lessons with former All White, Billy Harris – Text him on 0272799042 for info and prices.
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APRIL 2026
Creative Art
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Tuesday, 7th April - Bold Relief-Style Faces
Wednesday, 8th April - Imaginary Tower Cities
Thursday, 9th April - Paper Mache Sculptures
Friday, 10th April - Saint Phalle Super Sculptures (day 2)
Monday, 13th April - Funky Vases
Tuesday, 14th April - Recycled CD Tricycles
Wednesday, 15th April - Recycled Rollercoasters
Thursday, 16th April - Upcycled Monsters
Friday, 17th April - Pieces of Me

9am - 3pm | ages 5-13

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Dates for 2026: (a couple of Teacher Only Days sometime in Term 3 and 4)

- Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July. Public Holiday – ANZAC Day: Monday 27 April, King’s Birthday: Monday 1 June.
- Term 3 – Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September.
- Term 4 – Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December. Public Holiday – Labour Day: Monday 26 October.

Coming up this term -

Thursday 2 April – Holy Thursday, Last day of Term 1

Friday 3 April – Good Friday

Coming up next term -

St Francis has talent begins...

Monday 20 April – First day of Term 2

Wednesday 22 April – Easter Mass 12.00pm

Friday 24 April – Easter Walking School Bus (dress up)

Monday 27 April – ANZAC weekend – School closed

Wednesday 6 May – School Cross Country

Thursday 7 May – Year 5/6 Inner City Swimming comp

Friday 8 May – Year 5/6 Mother’s Day Breakfast, Assembly 2.15pm

Lisa Bateman – Principal – lisab@stfrancis.school.nz or principal@stfrancis.school.nz



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Keen to try out Dungeons & Dragons, or other Tabletop Roleplaying Games? A fan of Board and Card Games? Join Pt. Chevalier Library's new after-school TTRPG & Board Gaming Club! Whether you're an experienced player, or just looking to try something new, everyone is welcome.

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For more information, contact ptchevalierlibrary@aklc.govt.nz



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